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## The Clover Leaf

Sept. 2020

### Calendar of Events

#### September

- 1 2020-2021 4-H Year Begins
- 3 Youth Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 7 Labor Day - Office Closed

#### October

- 1 Enrollment/Re-enrollment Opens???
- 1 Record Books are due to club leaders
- 1 Project Award Applications, Teen Council Applications, and Special Award Applications are due to the Extension Office
- 1 Youth Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

#### 4-10 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

#### November

- 5 Youth Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Stay connected to Des Moines County Extension:

Des Moines County Extension Website  
[www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines)

Des Moines County 4-H Website  
[www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines/4h)

### It's That Time of Year Again!

As we look ahead to the 2020-2021 4-H year, the amount of change and uncertainty that we have experienced since the first of March will unfortunately follow us into the fall and possibly beyond.

The new 4-H year will begin on September 1st, but enrollment/re-enrollment will be pushed back until at least October 1st if not later. The reason for this is that 4hOnline is being phased out and 4hOnline 2.0 is being implemented. This new program is supposed to be more user friendly, not only for staff, but for our 4-H members and their families as well.

Club meetings will look different as we must follow the guidelines and recommendations handed down from Iowa State University, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and the Iowa 4-H program while at the same time following CDC and Des Moines County Public Health guidelines.

Three things that do not change as we move forward is our vision: to prepare Iowa's youth to be successful, contributing members of society; our mission: to empower youth to reach their full potential through youth-adult partnerships and research-based experiences; and our motto: To Make the Best Better.

Here's to a new year!



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## Why to Join 4-H/Clover Kids in Des Moines County?

Why to join 4-H in Des Moines County? I have numerous reasons why a kindergarten - 12th grader should join 4-H in Des Moines County, but **I am putting a challenge out to YOU** to tell me why YOU joined 4-H/Clover Kids in Des Moines County.

On the following pages you will find a page geared toward our Clover Kids (kindergarten through 3rd graders): "I joined 4-H Clover Kids because..." and one geared toward our 4-H members (4th - 12th graders): "I wear the 4-H Clover because..." I am asking each of you to print off the page that reflects your participation in the program and complete the sentence in your own words, decorate the page with why, or draw the things that made you want to become a member of the 4-H/Clover Kids program in Des Moines County.

Once completed, I ask you to submit a photo of you holding your sign to be entered into one of four drawings for a prize. Categories include:

1. Individual Clover Kid Winner
2. Individual 4-H Member Winner
3. Clover Kids Club Winner - Clover Kids Club with the most member participation
4. 4-H Club Winner - 4-H Club with the most member participation

Please submit photos to Mary by email to [steffene@iastate.edu](mailto:steffene@iastate.edu) or text the photo to 319-931-3259. Photos will be shared to the Des Moines County 4-H Facebook page and in upcoming editions of the 4-H newsletter. Deadline for submission is September 30, 2020.

## TEEN COUNCIL: 8th Grade-High School Members Needed!!!

4-H members who are in 8th grade - high school are eligible to be on TEEN COUNCIL. The only requirements are: turn in a 4-H record book, fill out an application form, and have an interview with a Youth Committee member. Record books and the Teen Council application are due October 1. Applications can be found at [www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines/4h)

**What is Teen Council?** It is a group of 8th grade - high school 4-H members, from all over Des Moines County, who are viewed as the "Voice of the Des Moines County 4-H Program."

**Purpose?** The purpose of the Teen Council is to provide a setting for 8th grade - high school youth to develop into good citizens, team players, great communicators, and future leaders through 4-H experiences and activities with adults and peers. **It is also our purpose to develop life-long friendships and to have fun in the process!** The purpose of the Teen Council is to provide leadership and service experiences for area teens.

**Members of the Teen Council will:** Have a chance to develop new friends and a support network and develop and expand on communication, leadership, and service skills. They will also serve as a link between county, area, and state 4-H programs as well as serve as an advisory liaison to your community clubs and Youth Committee.

**When do they meet?** This past year, the Teen Council met on the third Sunday from 1-3:00 p.m., but this is something that will be addressed at their organizational meeting in November.

**Why should I join?** It is a **GREAT** chance for you to meet and work with 4-H'ers from other clubs, to meet people from other parts of the county, and because it is **FUN!!!**



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# NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 6-12, 2019

What does your club do to promote National 4-H Week? National 4-H Week will be held October 4-10, 2020. This is a great opportunity to get 4-H in the public eye each year. Here are some ideas for you to incorporate into your club if you do not already participate:

**\*Club display in a store window:**

- \*Minimum of 3 posters in the window
- \*Please call the office with the business name, of where your window display will be, so that we can take pictures and the club can get credit for the display.

**\*Have a poster contest in your club and use the posters in the community:**

- \*Whether your club is meeting face-to-face or virtually, posters can be done at a meeting or at home
- \*Let the Extension Office know where the posters are being displayed

**\*Radio announcements or program:**

- \*Send names, times, and program to the Extension Office

**\*Volunteer to tell about 4-H in your class:**

- \*Club members can discuss their 4-H experience with other students in their class
- \*Please let the Extension Office know where and when this will take place

**\*Make banners with slogans to put on display in the community:**

- \*Minimum of two banners; let the Extension Office know where they will be placed so pictures can be taken

Talk about other ideas at your next 4-H meeting. Each club participating in a National 4-H Week promotional event will receive a prize. **To receive the prize, the display must be up from Monday afternoon, October 5, through Saturday evening, October 10.**

Please contact the Extension Office with what you are planning by Friday, September 30, 2020.

**Be creative, think outside of the box, educate, take ownership, and promote 4-H in your area during National 4-H Week while social distancing and being safe!!!**



## RECORD KEEPING

4-Her's have a variety of ways to learn the important skill of record keeping. Members may choose the system that meets their needs and learning styles. Also, 4-Her's may select one or more of the following ways to keep their records:

Project Record Forms: Yearly Summary (4H 96), Basic (4H 96A), Experienced (4H 96B), or Advanced (4H 96C)

Livestock Project Worksheets: 4-H Market Beef, Sheep, and Swine Record Worksheet for Junior members (4H 228 JR); 4-H Beef, Sheep, and Swine Breeding Project Worksheet for Junior members (4H 229 JR); and 4-H Breeding Animal Project Worksheet for all ages (4H 229 WS)

Records can also be done on video tape, audio tape, in a portfolio, computerized records, or by creating your own system. Whatever record keeping system a 4-Her chooses, it should always reflect goals, accomplishments, and future plans.

4-H Records: Correct Order for Records with the following parts included:

1. Title Page: should include: a photo, name, age, grade, years in 4-H, club name, and current year.
2. 4-H Yearly Summary: should be updated annually to show the work done in the most recent 4-H year. This form includes the following information: name, age, grade, years in 4-H, number of 4-H meetings, workshops, tours, etc., attended. 4-H participation: leadership and citizenship experiences for local, county, area, and state. Leadership is influencing and supporting others in a positive manner for a shared goal. (examples: mentor younger members, Teen Council representative, Junior Camp, State Council). Citizenship is defined as: the opportunity, right, and responsibility to contribute to shaping the world and providing a service to others. (examples: attend meetings on time, served at Awards Night, sewed pillow cases for a hospital, placed flags on Veteran's graves, participated in a mission trip). The 4-H Summary also includes: recognition (list of accomplishments), communication (whenever you shared your knowledge), at home with your family (responsibilities and chores), at school (organizations or club memberships), in your community (church, organizations, club membership), list of project records for which you have completed a project, and toher projects for which you did NOT complete a separate project record.
3. All 4-H Project Records (to include livestock and static): A total of at least one or more project records with one per project area should be completed. There are livestock forms for market animals, breeding animals, horse, and dairy. If using the Basic, Experienced, or Advanced project record static forms, parents and leaders should help the 4-Her choose the project record form that best fits each members' interests, skill level, years in the project, and needs for the project while showing progress and growth. Suggested guidelines: Use the Basic form in you have been in the project 1-2 years; Experienced form for 3-5 years; and Advanced form for 6 years or more.

Project records may be in any order in the record book. A separate record IS NOT needed for each exhibit taken to the fair. Exhibits should be listed under the project area (example: Project area = Clothing. Exhibits = blanket, sewing basket, dress, and a poster on how to iron a shirt correctly). All work done in a particular project area for the year should be on the same record. Exhibit write-ups may be added as support materials. Any pictures, newspaper clippings, or additional pages related to your project may be placed behind the project record. NOTE: Scrapbooking and ribbons ARE NOT required elements. There is a huge difference between a record book and a scrap book...keep that in mind.

4. 4-H Story: should be the fun part! Members are asked to highlight the 4-H year's club, county, and state events and activities; how 4-H has helped them become a better citizen, leader, and communicator; parts of the fair and state fair that had special meaning to them; how 4-H participation has benefitted them this past year; and what they plan to do differently next year. A member's 4-H Story should be eligible and can be typed or hand-written. The 4-H Story should be a minimum of 1 paragraph (3-5 sentences) and a maximum of 1 page.



5. Self Evaluation: is to help members assess whether or not they've met their goals in keeping records. It can also help them learn what needs to be done differently in the future. There is room for additional comments. Adult/Mentor comments can also be included.
6. If the member completed a 4-H Record Book the previous year, that material should follow the current year and be labeled appropriately. Only two years of record books need to be turned in for evaluation.

**\*\*\*RECORD BOOK FORMS can be found at [www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines/4h) under the Recording Keeping Forms tab.\*\*\***

**AGAIN THIS YEAR...ALL RECORDS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 1 TO YOUR CLUB LEADERS unless you are applying for project awards, teen council, or special awards, then those record books ONLY are to be turned into the Extension Office with the applications by October 1st. Call ahead to let us know that you are coming to drop it off and we will meet you at the door or feel free to use the grey drop box on the southeast corner of our building.\*\*\***

### Record Book Criteria and Helpful Hints

**Red Ribbon Record Book:** record book turned in

**Blue Ribbon Record Book:** Neat, legible, and complete handwritten or typed sentences. Correct Record Book order: Name Page, Yearly Summary, Project Record, 4-H Story, Self Evaluation.

**Purple Ribbon Record Book:** Neat, legible, and complete handwritten or typed sentences. Correct Record Book order: Name Page, Yearly Summary, Project Record - 3 or more, 4-H Story - more than 1 paragraph and a well-written story, Self Evaluation - includes adult/mentor comments, Tabs - labeling years, parts of the record book, and project areas, and Something extra: pictures, more thorough descriptions of project areas, etc.

### Calling ALL High School Juniors and Seniors...

The Des Moines County Fair Board is again seeking applicants for the position of Junior Fair Board Member.

The position is open to all junior and seniors of the 20-21 school year.

Applications are available on the fair web page [desmoinescountyfair.com](http://desmoinescountyfair.com) with a deadline of Friday, October 16th, for return. Mail applications to Des Moines County Fair, 13086 Pfeiff Road, Burlington, IA 52601.

This is the year to have your voice heard on the Des Moines County Fair Board.

**ATTENTION:** ALL Des Moines County 4-H Members and Clover Kids...If you have not sent out your thank you's to any and everyone that supported you during the 2019-2020 4-H year, NOW is the time to do so!!!

Part of being a good 4-H/Clover Kids member is by letting the people that supported you know how much you appreciated their support. Be it an individual, family member, leader, business, Fair Board, Extension Council, whomever...Please let these people and businesses know that what they are doing to support you, our 4-H/Clover Kids member, is appreciated!!!



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## 2020 Des Moines County Special Edition Fair 4-H Livestock Exhibitors

The following 4-H livestock exhibitors represented Des Moines County at the 2020 Fair Special Edition: Iowa 4-H and FFA Livestock Shows in their respective divisions:

**Breeding Beef:** Joshua Darbyshire, Max McClure, and Regan McClure

**Market Beef:** Haley Steffener

**Horse:** Makenna Pidgeon, BreAnn Yaley, Cassidy Yaley, and Trevor Yaley

**Breeding Meat Goats:** Jobey Malone, Olyvia Malone, and Quinlyn Smith

**Market Meat Goats:** Dakota Griffin, Jobey Malone, and Olyvia Malone

**Rabbits:** Grant Konecne and Ryan Konecne

**Breeding Sheep:** Chance Malone and Keely Malone

**Market Sheep:** Chance Malone and Keely Malone

**Breeding Swine:** Kai Malone, Haley Steffener, and Garen Wilkerson

**Market Swine:** Kai Malone, Keely Malone, Boyd McLaughlin, Haley Steffener, and Garen Wilkerson

Congratulations to our Des Moines County 4-H members and their families on a very successful 2020-2021 show season!

Your hard work and dedication to the livestock industry has not gone unnoticed. Nicely Done!!!



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## SAVE THE DATE

The following dates have been scheduled to provide various opportunities to our 4-H'ers and Committee Members. More information on times and venues will be available in future editions of The Clover Leaf...

**September 1 - 2020-2021 4-H year begins!**

**October 1 - Enrollment/Re-enrollment Opens in 4HOnline 2.0 - Stay tuned for updates on this!**

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